# A Log\*-Time Local MDS Approximation Scheme for Bounded Genus Graphs

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#### Complexity of Dominating Set Problem in Classical and Local Model

- Classical model: PTAS for planar graphs and graphs of excluded minor [Baker 1994, Grohe 2003].
- 2 Finding dominating sets locally is hard [Kuhn et al].
- 3 No deterministic local algorithm with approximation factor  $7 \epsilon$  for planar graphs in O(1) communication rounds [Hilke et al.].
- 4 O(1)-approximation in O(1)-communication rounds for planar graphs [Lenzen et al.].
- 5 Fast distributed approximations in planar graphs [Czygrinow et al]

#### Our Progress On Distributed Dominating Sets Problem

First we extended Lenzen et al.'s result:

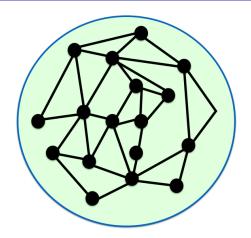
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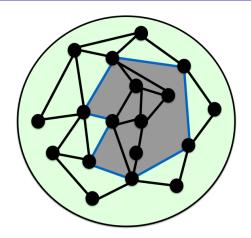
The minimum dominating set problem is constant factor approximable in graphs of bounded genus in the local model and using O(1) communication rounds.

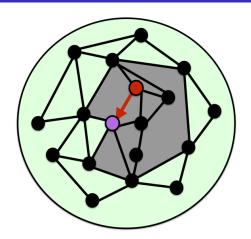
Then we generalised Czygrinow et al.'s result:

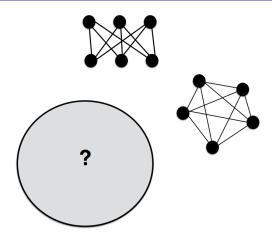
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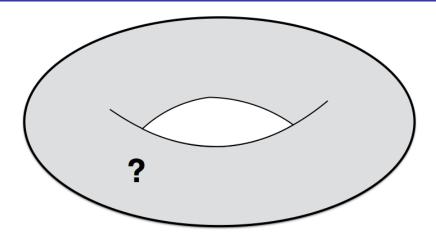
The minimum dominating set problem admits  $1 + \epsilon$  approximation algorithm in graphs of bounded genus in  $O(log^*|G|)$  communication rounds.

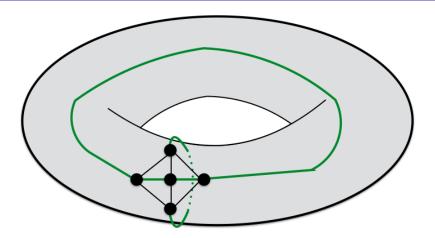


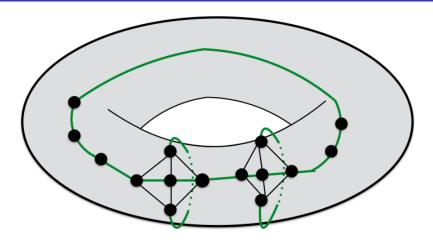


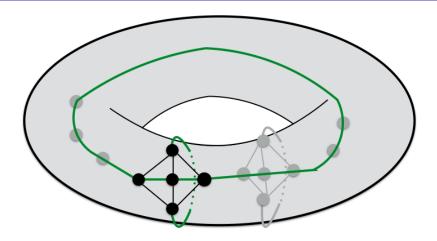


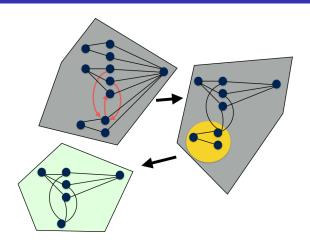












#### Observations at a Glance

- Unlike planar graphs, not every simple cycle is a separator.
- 2 We cannot rely on non-contractible cycles. They can be long.
- **3** But there are not many disjoint  $K_{3,3}$  models.
- 4 By a nice combinatorial argument (locally planar graphs) we can show that MDS is constant factor approximable in bounded genus graphs.
- 5 Having constant factor approximation and Czygrinow et al. [2008] forest decomposition in hand, with some modification and topological arguments we can show that MDS can be well approximated in graphs of bounded genus.
- 6 Basic technique for proving the latter bounds is similar to Baker's very early argument.
- **7** It is possible to show that MDS approximation algorithm is FO definable.

Thank you